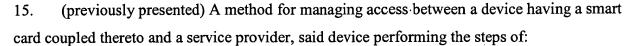
IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

No claim amendments have been made by virtue of this amendment.

- 1. (previously presented) A method for managing access to a scrambled event of a service provider, said method of comprising:
- (a) receiving in a device an electronic list of events, at least one event having an encrypted message associated therewith;
- (b) receiving in said device, in response to user selection of said event, said encrypted message;
 - (c) decrypting said encrypted message to obtain a descrambling key;
- (d) receiving said selected event from the service provider, said selected event being scrambled using said descrambling key for preventing unauthorized access to said selected event; and
 - (e) descrambling said selected event using said descrambling key.
- 2. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the steps of decrypting said message, receiving said selected event, and descrambling said selected event are performed in a smart card coupled to the device, said message being encrypted using a public key associated with said smart card and said step of decrypting uses a private key associated with and stored in said smart card.
- 3. (previously presented) The method of Claim 2 wherein said message further comprises event information, said event information being decrypted using said private key.
- 4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 3 further comprising the step of storing said event information, wherein said step of storing said event information is performed in said smart card.

- 5. (original) The method of Claim 4 wherein said smart card has a card body having a plurality of terminals arranged on a surface of said card body in accordance with one of ISO 7816 and PCMCIA card standards.
- 6. (previously presented) The method of Claim 5 further comprising authenticating said list of events to verify the origin of said message.
- 7. (previously presented) The method of Claim 6 wherein each message further comprises a digital signature created using a second private key and the step of authenticating comprises decrypting said digital signature using a second public key that is stored in said device.
- 8. (original) The method of Claim 4 wherein said event information comprises channel identification data, event identity data, date and time stamp data, and billing data.
- 9. (original) The method of Claim 3 further comprising the step of storing said event information, wherein said step of storing said event information is performed in said device.
- 10. (previously presented) The method of Claim 7 wherein said digital signature, said second public key and said second private key are issued by an independent certificate authority and are associated with said list provider.
- 11. (original) The method of Claim 10 wherein said device is a digital television.
- 12. (original) The method of Claim 10 wherein said device is a set-top box.
- 13. (original) The method of Claim 4 wherein said event information is used within said device to update said user's account information.
- 14. (original) The method of Claim 13 wherein said event information is downloaded to an independent billing center to update a user's account information.



- (a) receiving an electronic program guide from a guide provider, said guide having a message and a digital signature associated with each event in said guide, said message being encrypted using a public key of the smart card and said digital signature being created using a private key of said guide provider;
 - (b) selecting an event from said guide;
- (c) receiving said encrypted message and said digital signature corresponding to the selected event:
- (d) authenticating said guide provider by decrypting said digital signature using a public key of said guide provider, said guide public key being stored in said device;
 - (e) passing said message to said smart card;
- (f) decrypting, in said smart card, said message using a private key of said smart card to obtain event information and a symmetric key, said smart card private key being stored within said smart card;
- (g) storing said event information in said smart card and updating account information based on said event information;
- (h) receiving from the service provider said selected event, said selected event being scrambled using said symmetric key; and
- (i) descrambling, in said smart card, said selected event using said symmetric key to generate a descrambled event.
- 16. (original) The method of Claim 15 wherein the device is a set-top box.
- 17. (original) The method of Clam 15 wherein the device is a digital television.



- 18. (previously presented) A method for managing access between a device having a smart card coupled thereto and a service provider, said device performing the steps of:
- (a) receiving an electronic program guide from a guide provider, said guide having a digital certificate and a separate message corresponding to each event in said guide, each of said digital certificates being encrypted using a first private key of said guide, said separate message being encrypted using a public key of the smart card and having an associated digital signature created using a second private key of said guide;
 - (b) selecting an event from said guide;
- (c) receiving said digital certificate, said message and said digital signature corresponding to the selected event;
- (d) authenticating said guide provider by decrypting said digital certificate using a first public key of said guide to obtain a second public key of said guide, and decrypting said digital signature using said second guide public key, said first guide public key being stored in the device;
 - (e) passing said message to said smart card;
- (f) decrypting, in said smart card, said message using a private key of the smart card to obtain event information and a symmetric key, said smart card private key being stored within the smart card;
- (g) storing said event information in the smart card and updating account information based on said event information;
- (h) receiving from the service provider said selected event, said selected event being scrambled using said symmetric key; and
- (i) descrambling, in said smart card, said selected event using said symmetric key to generate a descrambled event.



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- 19. (original) The method of Claim 18 wherein the device is a set-top box.
- 20. (original) The method of Claim 18 wherein the device is a digital television.